

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 905

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize The Bread Basket upon its thirty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to those exemplary organizations that work with purpose and conviction to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is The Bread Basket, which celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, organized in 1986, The Bread Basket was developed under the umbrella of the Central Charities organization to accommodate those seeking food from local ministries; the organizing committee consisted of chairman Phil Ruch, co-chair Charles Palmer, secretary and treasurer Jennie Boggan, and Reverend David Garrett; and

WHEREAS, to meet the growing need for food throughout the community over the years, The Bread Basket has relied on donations from the public since its inception more than three decades ago; and

WHEREAS, The Bread Basket's current director, Trish Clapper, has managed to connect with many of the county's other nonprofit organizations and food pantries to create a network to better serve the community, and now, partnerships are expanding across the community; and

WHEREAS, by identifying the priority needs of the individuals of Cocke County, The Bread Basket serves its community in a number of ways in addition to providing food; the organization has offered home management suggestions, credit counseling to avoid escalating debt, a referral service to job placement agencies, cooking classes, and a meal program for the community's homeless; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated nonprofit organization, The Bread Basket was founded on the principle to help the community as a whole and is committed to providing life and work skills and other foundational principles for resilience and self-sustainability; and

WHEREAS, with the help and support of its community, The Bread Basket continues to grow; having relied on rental trucks to transport food items, the organization is currently working to secure a refrigerated truck or van to facilitate a more sustainable method of distribution through the attainment of donations and other nonprofit organizations, as well as new technology to convert its databases and systems over to digital; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-five years, The Bread Basket has proven to be an invaluable resource for the good people of Cocke County, and we are privileged to recognize the organization for its countless contributions to its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor The Bread Basket for thirty-five years of exemplary service and its ongoing commitment to the citizens of Cocke County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.